



## NEWTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**DATE: Thursday, January 6, 2022 @7:00pm**

**Location: 2 Town Hall Rd (rear meeting room)**

Call to Order at 7:02pm via Roll Call Vote:

Chair Alicia Geilen, Vice Chairperson Nancy Slombo, Sandy Estabrook & Trisha McCarthy  
Loreen Melvin and Selectman Kate Michaels via zoom

**Introduce Guest:** Mike Seekamp, owner of Seekamp Environmental in Kingston, NH

### **Correspondence:**

- 2022 Manifest Schedule from Bookkeeper  
2022 Payroll Schedule from Bookkeeper
- Check received from Town of Newton for Land Use Tax. This was deposited into the Conservation Fund.  
Total \$26,000.00 and Conservation receives 25%= \$6500.00
  - 1. Map 3/1/4-6 \$ 1400.00 4 Keezer Lane
  - 2. Map 6/8/7-2 \$ 600.00 36 Thornell Rd
  - 3. Map 12/2/22-4 \$12,000.00 28 Thornell Rd
  - 4. Map 12/2/22-5 \$12,000.00 26 Thornell Rd

### **Other Business:**

- Motion by Estabrook to approved minutes as written for 11/4/21 & 12/2/21, second by Slombo, all in favor
- Lorene Melvin reported on the knotweed at the Busch Farm and ways to eradicate it. Huge amount of work. Discussed the potential of taking it to a zoo because it is used for food for Giraffes.
- Discussed Autumn Olive (also an invasive plant) that is taking over the Busch Farm. More work on this in the spring to eradicate. Geilen asked Seekamp if he would do a little research on this invasive plant, and he agreed.
- Discussed the OHTV rules for the Busch Farm and the amount of damage being done. The OHRV rules will be put on the web site.
- Discussed getting signs that we can put out in the spring after snow melts. Some ideas: (Stay on Marked Trails)(Keep Out- Sensitive Area)
- Discussed damaged culvert and put it out to bid. Contractor will be responsible for compliance.
- Ideas for town report were discussed

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- Discussed complaint received about cutting trees and burning at the end of Town Hall Road. Complainant stated the burning was done on conservation property. Fire Department responded. Motion by Geilen to post a site walk for Monday January 10, 2022, at noon. Second by Estabrook all in favor.
- Discussed changing the conservation meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Geilen and McCarthy were having issues on the Thursday night meetings. Motion by Geilen to change the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, second by Slombo and all in favor.
- Geilen gave an update on the CPLA work on the grant. Out of 14 applicants, the CPLA grant came in at #2. So additional work is being done. Geilen will keep us posted.
- McCarthy reminded commission members that at our February meeting we need to motion to appoint members to a new date. (McCarthy to 2024 and Estabrook to 2025)
- Motion by Slombo to adjourn at 8:19pm, second by Estabrook, all in favor

Respectfully, Trisha McCarthy